

EXHIBIT 1-3: SELECTED EVENTS IN THE RECORDED HISTORY OF THE HUDSON RIVER

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1609

Englishman Henry Hudson, sailing for the Netherlands, explores Hudson River, sailing as far north as present-day Albany.

1624

The Dutch settle permanently along the Hudson River; call their settlement New Amsterdam.

1664

British conquer Dutch Amsterdam; rename region New York in honor of the Duke of York.

1777

Revolutionary War Battle of Saratoga fought along river. Won by the Americans, it leads to the French alliance, and thus to eventual victory and independence.

1802

United States Military Academy at West Point established.

1807

Robert Fulton launches his “North River Steamboat of Clermont” on the Hudson River. The first ever successful steam-propelled vessel, it begins a new era of transportation.

1817

West Point Foundry established, which later supplies munitions to the Union during the Civil War.

1825

Completion of the Erie Canal greatly enhances the importance of the Port of New York, connecting the Hudson River to Lake Erie and later to the St. Lawrence River Seaway; Champlain Canal also completed, providing an important transportation corridor for raw materials and completed products from the Hudson River valley to markets beyond.

1828

Opening of Delaware and Hudson Canal between northeastern coal fields of Pennsylvania and ports of New York and New England.

1831

Completion of the Morris Canal; designed to bring coal from Pennsylvania to New York Harbor.

1886

Dedication of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.
Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge constructed.

1984

Hudson River is placed on the Superfund National Priority List.

1996

Hudson River Natural Resource Trustee Council formed.

1998

Hudson designated as an American Heritage River.

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